It is Sunday the 13th December 2009 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1573.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1573 for 13th December 2009
The ANARTS News will go into holiday recess after 20th December and resume on 10th January. Merry Christmas and may all you wish for come true.

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 4th to 10th December, issued on 11th December by IPS Radio ans Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
10cm flux	72	72	72	71	72	73	74
AFr index	0	3	1	2	0	0 (1 estimated)	
Aaus index	1	6	4	4	2	2 (3 estimated)	
T index	-28	-25	-18	-32	-30	-39	-37

Solar flare activity was low on 10th; otherwise very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian region was mostly quiet with isolated active periods on 5th; otherwise quiet.
Southern Australian ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were mostly near predicted on 4th; near predicted on 5th to 7th; depressed 15 per cent to near predicted on 8th; near predicted to 20 per cent depressed on 9th; and depressed 20 per cent on 10th.
Forecast for 11th to 17th December
Solar activity is expected to be low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Maximum usable frequencies should be near predicted monthly values.
Courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services

ARLD049 DX news for 10th December 2009
TUNISIA, 3V. In celebration of its 10th anniversary members of the Tunisian scouts club station are QRV as 3V10A until December 31 . QSL via bureau.
CHINA, BY. Special event station BT3WX is QRV from Taiyuan until December 20 to celebrate the launch of amateur radio satellite XW-1. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FM and PACSAT. QSL via BA1DU.
THE GAMBIA, C5. Eric, SM1TDE is QRV as C56SMT until January 3, 2010. Activity is in his spare time on 160 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.
JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND, CE0. Lars, SM6CUK is QRV as CE0Z/homecall until December 14. Activity is on all bands, except 160 meters, using only CW. QSL to home call.
ANGOLA, D2. Paulo, CT1ITZ is QRV as D2CQ from Porto Amboim until December 27. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using only SSB. QSL direct via CT1IUA.
GERMANY, DA. Special event station DR09ANT will be QRV on December 14 to 30 to commemorate the ''Worldwide Antarctic Program.'' Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via bureau.
SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. A group of operators are QRV as E51PMR, E51LEO, E51BWL, E51SNL, E51XIW and E51NAA from Rarotonga until December 13. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW and RTTY, with some SSB, with three stations active simultaneously. QSL via operators' instructions.
HONDURAS, HR. Victor, N8OO and Andrei, NP3D are QRV as HR2/homecalls until December 20. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the ARRL 10-Meter contest. This also includes a possible entry as HQ2S in the upcoming OK DX RTTY contest. QSL HR2/N8OO to home call and HR2/NP3D and HQ2S direct via W3HNK.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Olivier, J28KO has been QRV on 20 meters using RTTY around 1500z. QSL via F6DKI.
SAN MARINO, T7. Aurelio, IZ0EGM will be QRV as T70A during the ARRL 10-Meter contest. QSL to home call.
TURKEY, TA. Members of the Turkish Special Wireless Activity team will be QRV as TC2IYK on December 12 and 13 during the International Naval Contest 2009. QSL via bureau.
CANADA, VE. John, KL7JR will be QRV as VY1RST from Destruction Bay from December 17 to 22. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. He may also try to activate Jacquot Island on Kluane Lake. QSL to home call.
WILLIS ISLAND, VK9W. Dave, VK4ABD will be QRV as VK9WBM while on work assignment at the Bureau of Meteorology in the Australian Coral Sea territories until July 2010. Activity will be on 40 meters and above during his spare time. QSL to home call.
HONG KONG, VR. Some members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Communications Association are QRV as VR2EAG until December 13 during the 5th East Asian Games 2009. QSL via operators' instructions.
ANTARCTICA. Bhagwati, VU3BPZ is QRV as AT10BP from the Indian Maitri Base and can be found active on 20 meters SSB around 0000 to 0130z. QSL via operator's instructions.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 937 - excerpts
2009 CQ DX MARATHON (Less than a month to go!)
John, K9EL, Program Manager for the CQ DX Marathon, wants to remind everyone that there is less than a month left in the 2009 version of CQ Magazine's annual DX Marathon! Each year from January 1st to December 31st, CQ Magazine sponsors a challenge to work as many countries and zones as possible in the calendar year. This year's edition ends soon, but there is still time to fill in some missing countries and zones. Last year's winner was determined by a QSO made on December 21st, so keep working DX! For complete rules and submission information, please see their Web site at:
http://www.dxmarathon.com
3W, VIETNAM (Update/Operator Needed!! [VERY RARE IOTA - #2])
An international group of operators will be active as 3W6C from Con Co Island (AS-185), Vietnam, in April 10-18th, 2010 (See OPDX.926 for more details). Paul, AA1MI/HB9DST, EUCW Communications Manager for the "Helvetia Telegraphy Club", reports that the 3W6C DXpedition has an opening for one additional experienced CW operator. He states, "This DXpedition is being headed up by several members of the Helvetia Telegraphy Club, but we also have members from other countries including Vietnam. German language is NOT required to participate. Full details about the DXpedition are available at:
http://www.3w6c.qrv.ch
If you or any members of your organization would like to be considered a candidate for this open spot on our crew, please send details about your background and DXing experience to Hans-Peter at: hb9bxe@3w6c.qrv.ch He can likewise give you further details about expenses, travel, etc."
3V10, TUNISIA (Special Event)
The Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts (3V8ST) in the CAST will commemorate their 10th anniversary by activating special event station 3V10A from the headquarters of Tunisian Scouts in Tunis Mahrajens (Tunisia's capital city). Activity will last until December 31st. QSL via: AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATION TUNIS, P.O. Box 339, 1082, Tunisia.
5I, TANZANIA
Igor, UA3DJY, is currently in Dar Es Salaam, and plans to operate from the DIT Communications Club station, 5I3A, until December 15th. Over the past weekend, Igor has been very active on 17 meters CW between 0730-1400z. QSL via RK3AOL.
8Q, MALDIVES
Thomas, OE2ATN, is planning to be active as 8Q7AT from the Island of Velidhu (AS-013) next year between May 23rd and June 4th (2010). Activity will be mainly SSB on 80/40/20 meters using a Yaesu FT-897D (w/LDG Auto-Tuner and 100 watts) into possibly a G5RV antenna. QSL via OE2ATN (QSL cards will go out via GlobalQSL.com).

AFRICAN TOUR (Western)
Peter, HA3AUI, is once again heading to Africa in early 2010. Look for him to be active as 6W2SC from Senegal and J5UAP from Guinea-Bissau between January 15th and March 31st. Peter used these callsigns once before. His stays in Senegal (6W) will be very near to the border of Guinea-Bissau (J5), and he plans to make regular trips to J5-land for the beautiful beaches there (plans to also operate from there). Using his Elecraft K3 with 500w into a 5-Band Spiderbeam and verticals, Peter's activity will be on 160-10 meters, mainly on the digital modes, but he will use the other modes on request. QSL direct via HA3AUI. Visit his Web site at:
http://cqafrica.net
BT3, CHINA (Special Event)
Look for special event station BT3WX to be active until possibly mid-December. Activity is to celebrate the launch of XW-1, China's first amateur satellite, as well as inspire radio amateurs and young people to learn about amateur satellite communication technology, space knowledge, and the popular amateur satellite activities in China. AMSAT-China will set up special event station in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province of China. Activity will be on all of HF amateur bands from 160-10 meters and on VHF/UHF amateur satellite bands, including FM, SSB, CW, RTTY and PACSAT modes. The BT3WX activities have already started (but QSNs have been reported) and will last until the end of the launch (expected December 20th).
CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND
Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active as CE0Z/JA8BMK between January 19th and February 2nd. Marco, CE6TBN, will be joining him, but for only 5 days (dates were not provided). Activity will be on 160-10 meters, with a focus on the lower band, and they are expected to be using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will use an amp, and antennas will be a yagi and vertical. QSL direct to JA8BMK at: Toshi Fukuta, 2115-3 Nobori, Yoichi, Hokkaido 046-0002 Japan.
CO7, CUBA (IOTA Op)
Edor, CO7PH, will activate the following Cuban IOTAs as CO7PH/P in the coming weeks in Cuba's 7th District:
NA-086 - Cayo Coco Island between December 17-31st
NA-201 - Cayo Anclitas Island between January 2-5th.
Bands and modes of activity as well as QSL route were not provided.
D2, ANGOLA (Update)
Paulo, CT1ITZ, active as D2CQ, will be in Porto Amboim until December 27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only. Most of his activity this past week has been on 20/17 meters between 0830-1730z. He is using an Icom 706 and a Windom antenna. QSL via CT1IUA. Direct QSL, please send 2 USDs or one new IRC (ending 2013). QSLs without enough postage will go via Bureau.
DR09, GERMANY (WAP Op)
German radio amateurs in the district Upper Bavaria (Southern Germany) will activate the special callsign DR09ANT (DOK "IPY" and WAP-Nr. 156) for the "Worldwide Antarctic Program" (WAP) for the last time between December 14-31st. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via Bureau.
DU, PHILIPPINES
Lee, HL1IWD, will be active as DU1/HL1IWD from Manila between December 31st and January 3rd. Activity will probably be on 80-10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign.
DVD AVAILABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
he "KP1-5 Project" announced today that the long anticipated Desecheo K5D DVD entitled "so rare, so near, yet so far" is now available for sale. The DVD was 5 months in production and is receiving rave reviews. It was written, produced and narrated by Bob Allphin/K4UEE, and edited by Ed Boutwell/W4ZSB. This is their seventh DXpedition DVD. To purchase your personal copy or for a great Holiday gift, go to
http://www.kp5.us
and click on the link on the first page.
IOTA NEWS
AS-133. Operators Peter/XU7ACY (ex-NO2R) and Wim/XU7TZG (ex-ON6TZ) will be active as XU7KOH from Koh Russei (aka Bamboo Island) between December 11-14th. Activity will be on all bands, 80-10 meters on the regular IOTA and PSK

frequencies. Modes will be PSK31, SSB and CW. Peter will do the CW and Wim will be on SSB and PSK31. QSL ONLY DIRECT with 2 USDs and a SAE to the QSL Manager ON7PP.
SA-044. Pasquale, YV5KAJ, informs OPDX that he is celebrating his 25th year in amateur radio by going on a DXpedition to the Island of Tortuga and honoring Anacleto, IW5EID, for introducing the hobby to him. He will also be using the special callsign, YW5EID, during his operation between December 26-29th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12 meters using SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY/BPSK/Olivia). QSL via EA5KB or see info on (QRZ.com).
LCL 2009
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party will be held between December 19th and January 3rd (2010). More details about awards, certificates, prizes and rules for the ARLHS 2009 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party (LCL 2009) are available on the following Web page at:
http://arlhs.com/LCL-2009-guidelines.html
TX3A'S OQRS NOW ACTIVE. The TX3A's "Online QSL Request System" (OQRS) is now active at:
http://tx3a.com/qsl.html
T6, AFGHANISTAN
Jack, W4JJ, currently in Gardez (Paktia Province, Eastern Afghanistan), is working with the Afghan National Army, and has been issued the callsign T6LC from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. There have been a couple of QSNs reported on 40m SSB and 20m CW. Jack expects to operate between 1430-1800z, as time permits. QSL via K4MJN. Visit his Web page at:
http://www.w4jj.com
VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND
Reports indicate that David Burton (home callsign not provided) has been assigned to the "Bureau of Meteorology" station on Willis Island for the next 6 months and will be operating as VK9WBM. The last activation of Willis Island was by the Bavarian Contest Club in October 2008 as VK9DWX, and the team made +95k QSOs. David is currently on the island, but no QSNs have been reported. His activities will be limited to his free time, but he plans to be active as much as possible on the HF bands and 6 meters using an IC-718 and an Alinco DX70. Details of the station's setup are expected to be on (QRZ.com). His QSL Manager is VK4DMC.
VR2, HONG KONG (Special Event)
Members of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Communications Association (VR2HAM) will activate special event station VR2EAG to celebrate 5th East Asian Games 2009 being hosted in Hong Kong. Activity will last until December 13th. QSL via: HK Amateur Radio Communications Association, GPO Box 7191 Hong Kong. Visit their Web page at:
http://vr2ham-hk.com -- or -- http://vr2ham.org
VY1, CANADA (Need the Yukon!)
"Yukon John", KL7JR, informs OPDX this week that he will be active as VY1RST from Destruction Bay, Yukon, between December 17-22nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB using various homebrew antennas. E-mail skeds are available at: KL7JR@Yahoo.com John mentions that he will attempt to activate Jacquot Island on Kluane Lake for a "new one" (for the CISA) provided the ice is thick enough to drive on. QSL via the address on (QRZ.com) or the CBA.
YI, IRAQ
A group of operators called the "YI9PSE DXpedition team" are planning to visit Kurdistan and be active in the spring of 2010. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have at least 3 stations on the air. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1824, 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024
SSB - 1845, 3780, 7065/7180, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495
RTTY - 7035, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
The current YI9PSE Team consists of the following operators: Paul/N6PSE (Team Leader), Andreas/N6NU, Bob/N6OX, Bruce/W8HW, Garry/NI6T, David/AH6HY and Jun/JH4RHF. Pilot station will be Chuck/AA6G. QSL via N6NKT. Online logs will be available during and after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, visit:
http://www.yi9pse.com

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